GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

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STATUS OF PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the status of functional and non-functional projects worth Rs.20 crores or more in the coal sector as on date;

(b) the present status of pending projects and especially the Damodar River Diversion Project;

(c) whether the Government has taken any effective steps to start the pending projects immediately; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a) to (d): In Coal India Limited (CIL), there are 57 on- goingprojects costing Rs.20 crores and above. Out of these, 47 projects are under implementation and project construction activities of remaining 10 projects will start only after acquisition of land, which is under progress. Besides these, 6 approved projects have been kept in abeyance because of problems in forest & non-forest land acquisition, rehabilitation and for want of approval/permission from Directorate General of Mines Safety.

In Singareni Collieries Company Limited, there are 21 on-going projects costing Rs.20 crores and above. All projects are under implementation.

In Neyveli Lignite Corporation , there are 4 on-going projects, all of which are under operation.

Damodar River Diversion Projectof CILis not a sanctioned project, only Advance Action Plan (AAP)of Damodar River Diversion Project for a capital of Rs. 5.59 crores was sanctioned in April, 1983. 15.86 ha of forest land and 451.80 ha of non-forest land is required for this project. So far 282.69 ha of non-forest land is under possession. Scheme for rehabilitation has been sanctioned for 550 families. Rehabilitation site has been developed. Revised Environment Management Plan has beensubmitted to Ministry of Environment & Forests for approval.